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TAGS: AINF, OREP, GY, CASC
SUBJECT:CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION: CODEL RYAN-PEOPLES TEMPLE
1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI, CHAIRMAN. COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE,DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1978.
QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY:
THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ARE DEEPLY DISTRESSED AND CONCERNED OVER THE TRAGEDY WHICH BEFELL THE MISSION TO GUYANA HEADED BY THE LATE HON. LEO J. RYAN. AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN ALLEGATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS NEGLIGENT IN THIS AFFAIR.
IN DETERMINING WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN IN THE WAKE OF THIS MATTER. THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO LOOK INTO ALL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON THIS TRAGIC INCIDENT. IT IS THEREFORE, ESSENTIAL THAT THE DEPARTMENT

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OF STATE COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE COMMITTEE IN THE CONDUCT OF THIS INQUIRY.
SPECIFICALLY, WE REQUEST A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING: ALL CABLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN GUYANA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH AND ITS AGRICULTURAL COMMUNE IN JONESTOWN SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FACILITY IN GUYANA; AND ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.
ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (UNLESS SUCH ANSWERS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS REQUESTED ABOVE):
A. TO WHAT EXTENT WERE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL PHYSICAL DANGER TO THE RYAN DELEGATION OF A VISIT BY THEM TO JONESTOWN?
B. WHAT ADVICE DID THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE EMBASSY

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N GUYANA GIVE CONGRESSMAN RYAN WITH RESPECT TO THE
OTENTIAL VIOLENCE WHICH COULD ARISE AS A RESULT OF SUCH
VISIT IN VIEW OF THE PRESENCE OF WEAPONS IN JONESTOWN
ND THE MOOD OF ITS INHABITANTS WITH RESPECT TO VISITS
Y OUTSIDERS?
. ONCE MR. RYAN MADE KNOWN HIS INTENT TO VISIT JONESTOWN,
ID THE AMERICAN EMBASSY REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA
O PROVIDE THE DELEGATION WITH SECURITY PROTECTION OR
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THER ASSISTANCE? IF NOT, WHY NOT, AND IF SO, WHAT WAS
HE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE
OVERNMENT OF GUYANA?
. WHAT COMMUNICATION FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE TO THE
YAN DELEGATION DURING THE MEMBERS' STAY IN GEORGETOWN
ND PORT KAITUMA? WHAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNI-
ATIONS WITH JONESTOWN, IF ANY, WERE MADE FOR THE RYAN
ELEGATION?
. HOW MANY VISITS TO JONESTOWN HAS THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
ADE ON BEHALF OF U.S. CITIZENS' INQUIRIES SINCE THE
NCEPTION OF THE SETTLEMENT? WHAT WERE THE SPECIFIC
INDINGS AND RESULTS OF THESE VISITS? DID THE EMBASSY
EPRESENTATIVES HAVE FULL AND COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE
NHABITANTS AND FACILITES IN JONESTOWN?
. WHAT INFORMATION DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE
ITH RESPECT TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
F GUYANA, ITS OFFICIALS, AND THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH
ETTLEMENT IN JONESTOWN AND ITS FACILITY IN GEORGETOWN?
. WAS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND/OR THE AMERICAN
MBASSY AWARE OF THE PRESENCE IN JONESTOWN OF EXTENSIVE
UANTITIES OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION? IF SO, WAS THIS
NFORMATION GIVEN TO THE RYAN DELEGATION. DID THE
RESENCE OF THE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION CONFORM TO RELEVANT
YANESE LAWS? IF NOT, WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, DID THE
OVERNMENT OF GUYANA TAKE WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENCE OF
HE WEAPONS?
. WERE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH
NVESTIGATED BY THE FBI AND/OR OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT
GENCIES AND, IF SO, WERE THEIR FINDINGS MADE AVAILABLE
O THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE?
. WHAT EFFORTS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
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UYANA TO INSURE THAT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE
ONESTOWN INHABITANTS WERE ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED?
0. WAS THE U.S. EMBASSY IN GUYANA AWARE OF ANY REPORTS OF
HYSICAL VIOLENCE BEING DIRECTED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE
EOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH AND, IF SO, WAS THIS INFORMATION
ADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON?
1. WAS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA EVER REQUESTED TO

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NVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CHURCH?
F NOT, WHY NOT?
2. DID REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY U.S. GOVERMENT AGENCY
NTERVIEW INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD "DEFECTED" FROM THE PEOPLES
EMPLE CHURCH IN GUYANA? IF SO, WAS THIS INFORMATION
ADE KNOWN TO CONGRESSMAN RYAN?
3. WAS ANY CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO RESTRICTING THE
ASSPORTS OF POTENTIAL INHABITANTS OF JONESTOWN WHO APPLIED
OR A PASSPORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOING TO GUYANA PURSUANT
O 22 U.S.C. 211A AS AMENDED?
T IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT THE INFORMATION SOUGHT
Y THE COMMITTEE BE SUBMITTED NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1,
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ITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, I AM
INCERELY YOURS,
IGNED: CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI. UNQUOTE.
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. ACTION:
MBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION IT CAN TO ASSIST
EPARTMENT IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI AND
HE COMMITTEE. SPECIFICALLY, EMBASSY INPUT ESSENTIAL
O DEVELOPING REPLIES TO QUESTIONS NO'S ONE, TWO, THREE,
OUR, SEVEN, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN, AND THIRTEEN. (INPUTS
LSO BEING OBTAINED FROM MCCOY AND TUMINIA). REPLY BY
OB NOVEMBER 24 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE
ND FOR WHICH WE WILL REQUIRE EMBASSY INPUT WILL BE
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